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...SOUTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA WEATHER SUMMARY FOR MARCH 2012...

****MARCH****

MARCH 2012 WAS GENERALLY SLIGHTLY DRIER THAN NORMAL ACROSS SOUTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA. MOST AREAS RECEIVED 70 TO 90 PERCENT OF NORMAL RAINFALL FOR THE MONTH...ALTHOUGH A FEW LOCATIONS RECEIVED SLIGHTLY ABOVE NORMAL RAINFALL. ACROSS THE ANTELOPE VALLEY...RAINFALL WAS GENERALLY ABOUT 50 PERCENT OF NORMAL.

TEMPERATURES FOR THE MONTH AVERAGED 1 TO 3 DEGREES BELOW NORMAL ACROSS THE REGION. HARD FREEZES WERE COMMON EARLY IN THE MONTH ACROSS THE MOUNTAINS AND DESERTS...THE INTERIOR VALLEYS OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY AND THE CUYAMA VALLEY. ELSEWHERE...TEMPERATURES REMAINED ABOVE FREEZING...EXCEPT LIGHT FREEZES OCCURRED ON A COUPLE OF DAYS ACROSS INTERIOR PORTIONS OF THE CENTRAL COAST...AND IN THE SANTA YNEZ AND OJAI VALLEYS.

THE MONTH BEGAN ON A COOL AND WINDY NOTE. GUSTY WEST TO NORTHWEST WINDS SWEEPED INTO THE REGION BEHIND A COLD FRONT. PEAK WIND GUSTS ON THE 1ST INCLUDED 61 MPH AT WHITAKER PEAK...60 MPH AT CAMP NINE...55 MPH AT LANCASTER AIRPORT...53 MPH AT POPPY PARK AND 45 MPH AT PALMDALE AIRPORT.

THE WINDS SHIFTED TO THE NORTH AND NORTHEAST LATE ON THE 1ST...AND STRONG TO DAMAGING WINDS PERSISTED THROUGH THE MORNING OF THE 3RD. AFTER THE WIND SHIFT...PEAK WIND GUSTS FROM THE 2ND THROUGH THE 3RD INCLUDED 85 MPH AT LAGUNA PEAK...74 MPH AT WARM SPRINGS...73 MPH AT CAMP NINE...67 MPH AT WHITAKER PEAK AND WILEY RIDGE...60 MPH AT CHILAO AND CHEESEBORO...56 MPH AT NEWHALL PASS...52 MPH AT CAMARILLO...49 MPH IN SAUGUS AND SIMI VALLEY...48 MPH AT LEO CARRILLO BEACH...46 MPH AT DEL VALLE AND PIRU AND 41 MPH AT POINT MUGU. WARMING BEGAN WEST OF THE MOUNTAINS ON THE 2ND...WITH HIGH TEMPERATURES BACK TO NEAR NORMAL LEVELS IN MOST AREAS...THEN WARMING CONTINUED THROUGH THE 4TH AS A STRONG UPPER LEVEL HIGH PRESSURE SYSTEM BUILT INTO THE REGION.

THE 4TH WAS THE WARMEST DAY OF THE MONTH AT MOST REPORTING STATIONS ACROSS THE REGION. THE HIGH TEMPERATURE ON THE 4TH REACHED 91 DEGREES AT LONG BEACH AIRPORT...90 DEGREES AT PASADENA AND SAN GABRIEL...89 DEGREES AT HAWTHORNE AIRPORT AND FILLMORE...88 DEGREES AT POMONA...CHATSWORTH...CAMARILLO AIRPORT AND OJAI...87 DEGREES AT DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES...LOS ANGELES AIRPORT...WOODLAND HILLS AND SAUGUS...86 DEGREES IN SANTA YNEZ...AT BURBANK AIRPORT AND AT VAN NUYS AIRPORT...85 DEGREES AT SAN LUIS OBISPO AIRPORT AND AT THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN OXNARD AND 83 DEGREES AT SANTA MARIA AIRPORT. DAILY HIGH TEMPERATURE RECORDS WERE SET AT LOS ANGELES AIRPORT...LONG BEACH AIRPORT...CAMARILLO AIRPORT...SANTA MARIA AIRPORT AND AT THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN OXNARD.

THE UPPER HIGH BEGAN TO BREAK DOWN AND SHIFT EASTWARD ON THE 5TH...BRINGING SOME COOLING TO THE REGION...ALTHOUGH TEMPERATURES WERE STILL WELL ABOVE NORMAL. IN FACT...THE HIGH TEMPERATURE OF 83

DEGREES AT PASO ROBLES AIRPORT SET A RECORD FOR THE DATE...AND THE HIGH OF 82 DEGREES AT UCLA TIED A DAILY RECORD SET IN 2007. ALSO AT UCLA...THE LOW TEMPERATURE OF 65 DEGREES SET A RECORD HIGH MINIMUM TEMPERATURE FOR THE DATE...BREAKING THE PREVIOUS RECORD OF 61 DEGREES IN 2007.

TREMENDOUS COOLING OCCURRED ACROSS THE REGION ON THE 6TH AS A COLD LOW PRESSURE SYSTEM THAT ORIGINATED IN THE GULF OF ALASKA DROPPED SOUTHEASTWARD INTO NORTHERN AND CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND ITS ASSOCIATED FRONTAL SYSTEM SWEEPED THROUGH THE REGION. HIGH TEMPERATURES WERE MORE THAN 20 DEGREES COOLING IN MANY AREA THAN ON THE 5TH.

ALTHOUGH THE FRONT ONLY BROUGHT A FEW LIGHT SHOWERS TO THE REGION...IT USHERED IN PLENTY OF COLD AIR AND STRONG AND GUSTY WEST TO NORTHWEST WINDS ON THE 6TH. THE WINDS SHIFTED TO A MORE NORTHERLY DIRECTION AND REMAINED GUSTY INTO THE 7TH. PEAK WIND GUSTS IN THE 6TH AND 7TH INCLUDED 76 MPH AT WHITAKER PEAK...62 MPH AT LAKE PALMDALE...58 MPH IN SAUGUS...55 MPH AT POPPY PARK...54 MPH AT LANCASTER AIRPORT...53 MPH AT LAGUNA PEAK...52 MPH AT PALMDALE AIRPORT AND AT CAMP NINE...51 MPH AT WARM SPRINGS...47 MPH AT PASO ROBLES AIRPORT...45 MPH AT SANTA MARIA AIRPORT AND VANDENBERG AFB...44 MPH AT SAN LUIS OBISPO AIRPORT...43 MPH AT OXNARD AIRPORT...39 MPH AT VAN NUYS AIRPORT AND 36 MPH AT SANTA BARBARA AIRPORT. AT 130 PM ON THE 6TH...THE MORRO BAY HARBOR REPORTED A WIND GUST OF 81 MPH.

HIGH TEMPERATURES WERE WELL BELOW NORMAL ON THE 6TH AND 7TH...WHILE THE MORNINGS OF THE 7TH AND 8TH WERE THE COLDEST OF THE MONTH IN MOST AREAS. ACROSS THE CENTRAL COAST AND IN THE SANTA YNEZ AND OJAI VALLEYS...LIGHT FREEZES WERE REPORTED.

ON THE 7TH...THE LOW TEMPERATURE OF 22 DEGREES AT SANDBERG SET A RECORD FOR THE DATE...BREAKING THE PREVIOUS RECORD OF 23 DEGREES SET IN 1964. THE LOW TEMPERATURE OF 37 DEGREES AT CAMARILLO AIRPORT TIED A DAILY RECORD WHICH WAS SET IN 1956.

ON THE 8TH...THE LOW TEMPERATURE OF 21 DEGREES AT LANCASTER AIRPORT SET A DAILY RECORD...BREAKING THE OLD RECORD OF 23 DEGREES SET IN 1956. THE LOW OF 35 DEGREES AT CAMARILLO AIRPORT BROKE THE DAILY RECORD OF 37 DEGREES SET IN 1964...WHILE THE LOW OF 33 DEGREES AT SANTA BARBARA AIRPORT TIED A DAILY RECORD.

AFTERNOON TEMPERATURES WARMED ON THE 8TH BACK TO NEAR OR EVEN SLIGHTLY ABOVE NORMAL LEVELS AS A RIDGE BUILT INTO THE REGION...THEN SIGNIFICANT WARMING TOOK PLACE ON THE 9TH AS THE UPPER RIDGE PEAKED IN INTENSITY ACROSS THE REGION.

CHILLY MORNING TEMPERATURES LINGERED IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY ON THE 9TH...WHERE THE LOW OF 24 DEGREES AT LANCASTER AIRPORT BROKE THE RECORD FOR THE DATE WHICH WAS 25 DEGREES SET IN 2002.

DURING THE AFTERNOON OF THE 9TH...THE HIGH TEMPERATURE OF 86 DEGREES AT CAMARILLO AIRPORT BROKE THE PREVIOUS RECORD OF 84 DEGREES SET IN 1996. THE HIGH TEMPERATURE OF 82 DEGREES AT LOS ANGELES AIRPORT SET A RECORD FOR THE DATE WHICH WAS 81 DEGREES AND WAS SET JUST A YEAR EARLIER IN 2011. THE HIGH OF 82 DEGREES AT PASO ROBLES AIRPORT BROKE THE OLD RECORD OF 81 DEGREES SET IN 2004.

THE UPPER HIGH BEGAN TO BREAK DOWN AND MOVE EASTWARD ON THE 10TH...AND SEVERAL DEGREES OF COOLING TOOK PLACE. STILL...MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES WERE A BIT ABOVE NORMAL IN MOST AREAS...WHERE THE WARMEST LOCATIONS IN THE VALLEYS ALMOST REACHING 80 DEGREES.

MORE SIGNIFICANT COOLING TOOK PLACE ON THE 11TH AS A BROAD TROUGH MOVED INTO THE WEST COAST...THEN COOL CONDITIONS PERSISTED THROUGH THE 15TH...WITH PLENTY OF NIGHT THROUGH MORNING LOW CLOUDS WEST OF THE MOUNTAINS...AND MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE GENERALLY 5 TO 10 DEGREES BELOW NORMAL.

ON THE 16TH...A TROUGH DROPPED SOUTHWARD TO A POSITION OFF THE CALIFORNIA COAST AND ITS ASSOCIATED FRONTAL SYSTEM SWEEPED THROUGH THE REGION ON THE 17TH...BRINGING A 3 TO 6 HOUR PERIOD OF MODERATE TO HEAVY RAIN...FOLLOWED BY NUMEROUS SHOWERS THAT PERSISTED INTO THE 18TH.

GUSTY SOUTHEAST TO SOUTHWEST WINDS AFFECTED THE REGION AHEAD OF THE FRONT DURING THE MORNING HOURS OF THE 17TH. PEAK WIND GUSTS INCLUDED 74 MPH AT CHILAO...73 MPH AT MILL CREEK...70 MPH AT CAMP NINE...62 MPH AT GRASS MOUNTAIN...59 MPH AT WILEY RIDGE...56 MPH AT LAKE PALMDALE AND CLEAR CREEK...54 MPH AT WHITAKER PEAK...53 MPH AT POPPY PARK...52 MPH AT TOPANGA HILLS...49 MPH AT BRANCH MOUNTAIN AND IN SAUGUS...47 MPH AT MALIBU HILLS...46 MPH AT SANDBERG AND CARRIZO...44 MPH AT NEWHALL PASS AND VANDENBERG...AND 42 MPH AT ACTON.

MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES WERE 15 TO 20 DEGREES BELOW NORMAL IN MOST AREAS ON THE 17TH. THE HIGH TEMPERATURES OF 53 DEGREES AT BURBANK AIRPORT TIED THE RECORD LOW MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE FOR THE DATE WHICH WAS SET IN 1963. THE DAILY RAINFALL TOTAL OF 0.64 INCHES AT SANDBERG SET A RECORD FOR THE DATE...BREAKING THE OLD RECORD OF 0.09 INCHES SET IN 1979. AT PASO ROBLES AIRPORT...THE 1.47 INCHES OF RAIN RECEIVED ON THE 17TH BROKE THE DAILY RECORD OF 1.16 INCHES SET IN 1991.

SOME RAINFALL TOTALS FROM THE STORM SYSTEM ON THE 17TH INTO THE 18TH INCLUDE 6.93 INCHES AT BATES RIDGE...5.32 INCHES AT NORDHOFF RIDGE...4.49 INCHES AT OPIDS CAMP...4.37 INCHES AT EL DESEO RANCH...4.14 INCHES IN ROSE VALLEY...3.92 INCHES AT SAN MARCOS PASS...3.86 INCHES AT MATILIJA CANYON...3.82 INCHES AT THE WEST FORK HELIPORT...3.81 INCHES AT CAMP HI HILL...3.76 INCHES AT MOUNT BALDY...3.74 INCHES AT WHITE LEDGE PEAK...3.66 INCHES AT WEST CAMINO CIELO...3.59 INCHES AT TECOLOTE CANYON...3.54 INCHES AT TANBARK...3.35 INCHES AT BIG TUJUNGA DAM...3.33 INCHES AT CLEAR CREEK...2.96 INCHES IN ATASCADERO...2.90 INCHES AT LOS PRIETOS...2.88 INCHES AT MORRIS DAM...2.81 INCHES AT FIGUEROA MOUNTAIN...2.62 INCHES AT MONTECITO HILLS...2.47 INCHES AT CORRAL CANYON...2.24 INCHES AT LECHUZA FIRE STATION...2.17 INCHES AT THE MONTE NIDO FIRE STATION...2.11 INCHES IN OJAI...1.80 INCHES IN LOMPOC...1.77 INCHES AT SANTA MARIA AIRPORT...1.67 INCHES AT SAN LUIS OBISPO AIRPORT...1.65 INCHES IN LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE AND IN THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA...1.62 INCHES AT FILLMORE...1.57 INCHES IN AGOURA HILLS...1.53 INCHES AT PASO ROBLES AIRPORT...1.46 INCHES AT PACOIMA DAM...1.42 INCHES IN SUN VALLEY AND PASADENA...1.38 INCHES AT THE BURBANK PUMP PLANT...IN NEWHALL AND ON THE CARRIZO PLAIN...1.12 INCHES IN CHATSWORTH...1.07 INCHES IN BEL AIR...1.06 INCHES IN BEVERLY HILLS...1.00 INCHES AT SANTA MARIA AIRPORT...0.94 INCHES AT BURBANK AIRPORT...AT SANTA BARBARA AIRPORT AND IN POPPY PARK...0.88 INCHES IN WOODLAND HILLS...0.76 INCHES IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES...0.74 INCHES AT THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN OXNARD...AT LONG BEACH AIRPORT AND AT VAN NUYS AIRPORT...0.68 INCHES AT CAMARILLO AIRPORT...0.64 INCHES AT UCLA...0.60 INCHES AT HAWTHORNE AIRPORT...0.55 AT LOS ANGELES AIRPORT...0.44 INCHES AT PALMDALE AIRPORT AND 0.13 INCHES AT LANCASTER AIRPORT.

IN THE MOUNTAINS...SNOW FELL MAINLY ABOVE THE 5500 FOOT LEVEL. SNOW

TOTALS INCLUDED 18 TO 22 INCHES AT MOUNTAIN HIGH AT 7000 FEET...12 INCHES AT MOUNT BALDY...10 TO 15 INCHES AT WRIGHTWOOD AT 6000 FEET...11 INCHES AT BIG PINES...2.8 INCHES IN LOCKWOOD VALLEY...AND 1 INCH AT LAKE OF THE WOODS.

ON THE 18TH...MANY LOCATIONS SET OR TIED RECORD LOW DAILY MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES INCLUDING LOS ANGELES AIRPORT WHERE THE HIGH OF 55 DEGREES BROKE THE RECORD OF 58 DEGREES SET IN 1983...DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES WHERE THE HIGH OF 58 DEGREES TIED THE DAILY RECORD SET IN 1962...LONG BEACH AIRPORT WHERE THE HIGH OF 57 DEGREES BROKE THE RECORD OF 59 DEGREES SET IN 1985...BURBANK AIRPORT WHERE THE HIGH OF 56 DEGREES EDGED OUT THE RECORD OF 57 DEGREES SET IN 1952...WOODLAND HILLS WHERE THE HIGH OF 53 DEGREES BROKE THE RECORD OF 55 DEGREES SET IN 1982...UCLA WHERE THE HIGH OF 55 DEGREES TIED THE DAILY RECORD SET IN 1982...AND PALMDALE WHERE THE HIGH OF 46 DEGREES BROKE THE RECORD OF 48 DEGREES SET IN 1948.

DRY WEATHER RETURNED TO THE REGION ON THE 19TH...BUT IT REMAINED COOL. ON THE 19TH...THE LOW TEMPERATURE OF 25 DEGREES AT SANDBERG BROKE THE RECORD FOR THE DATE WHICH WAS 27 DEGREES IN 1982. THE HIGH TEMPERATURE OF 60 DEGREES AT LONG BEACH AIRPORT TIED THE LOWEST MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE EVER RECORDED ON THAT DATE WHICH WAS SET IN 1979.

SOME WARMING BEGAN ON THE 20TH...THEN TEMPERATURES WERE ABOVE NORMAL LEVELS ACROSS MUCH OF THE REGION ON THE 21ST. AT MANY OF THE WARMER LOCATIONS IN THE VALLEYS...HIGH TEMPERATURES REACHED 80 DEGREES ON THE 21ST.

A TROUGH MOVING TOWARD THE WEST COAST BROUGHT COOLING ON THE 22ND AND 23RD...ALONG WITH A RETURN TO NIGHT THROUGH MORNING LOW CLOUDS WEST OF THE MOUNTAINS.

A STRONG AND COLD UPPER LOW DROPPED SOUTHWARD PARALLEL TO THE WEST COAST ON THE 23RD AND 24TH...REACHING A POSITION ABOUT 300 MILES WEST OF POINT CONCEPTION DURING THE AFTERNOON OF THE 24TH. THE FRONTAL BAND ASSOCIATED WITH THIS SYSTEM PUSHED INTO THE CENTRAL COAST DURING THE LATE EVENING HOURS OF THE 24TH AND THE EARLY EVENING HOURS OF THE 25TH...WITH RAIN REACHING LOS ANGELES COUNTY DURING THE MORNING OF THE 26TH.

THE RAIN WAS HEAVY AT TIMES...AND PRODUCE SOME FLOODING OF ROADWAYS THROUGHOUT THE REGION. THERE WERE SOME EMBEDDED THUNDERSTORMS WITHIN THIS FRONTAL BAND...ESPECIALLY ACROSS THE COASTAL WATERS. THE RAINFALL TOTAL OF 1.62 INCHES AT THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN OXNARD AND 1.53 INCHES AT CAMARILLO AIRPORT SET A NEW RECORDS FOR THE DATE...BOTH BREAKING OLD RECORDS OF 0.94 INCHES SET IN 1977.

THE FRONT ALSO BROUGHT SOME GUSTY SOUTHEAST TO SOUTHWEST WINDS TO THE REGION. PEAK WIND GUSTS INCLUDED 71 MPH AT CHILAO...60 MPH AT MOUNT WILSON...59 MPH AT MILL CREEK...58 MPH AT CLEAR CREEK...57 MPH AT GRASS MOUNTAIN 41 MPH AT LONG BEACH AIRPORT.

SOME RAINFALL TOTALS FOR THE FAST MOVING SYSTEM ON THE 25TH INTO THE EARLY PART OF THE 26TH INCLUDED 3.38 INCHES AT CORRAL CANYON...3.27 INCHES AT THE MONTE NIDO FIRE STATION...3.24 INCHES AT DON VICTOR...3.08 INCHES AT MALIBU CANYON...3.06 INCHES AT EL DESEO RANCH...2.89 INCHES AT HAINES CANYON...2.73 INCHES AT JUNCAL DAM...2.70 INCHES AT SESPE CREEK ABOVE FILLMORE...2.64 INCHES AT NORDHOFF RIDGE...2.63 INCHES AT MATILIJA CANYON...2.60 INCHES AT THE LECHUZA FIRE STATION...2.55 INCHES AT ROSE VALLEY...2.48 INCHES AT TANBARK FLATS AND IN NEWHALL...2.40 INCHES AT BIG TUJUNGA DAM...2.37 INCHES AT WHEELER GORGE...2.36 INCHES AT COGSWELL DAM...2.21 INCHES AT OLD MAN

MOUNTAIN...2.19 INCHES AT RED ROCK CREEK...2.16 INCHES AT CLEAR CREEK...2.15 INCHES AT GIBRALTAR DAM...2.12 INCHES AT MALIBU HILLS... 2.11 INCHES AT TANBARK...2.04 INCHES AT SAN MARCOS PASS... 2.02 INCHES IN WOODLAND HILLS...2.01 INCHES IN SUN VALLEY...AT HOPPER CANYON...AND AT THE HOLLYWOOD RESERVOIR...1.98 INCHES AT TECOLOTE CANYON...1.97 INCHES AT ROCKY PEAK...1.93 INCHES AT OPIDS CAMP AND AT THE WEST FORK HELIPORT...1.89 INCHES AT CIRCLE X RANCH AND PYRAMID LAKE...1.83 INCHES AT GETTY CENTER...1.74 INCHES IN AGOURA HILLS AND AT SOUTH MOUNTAIN...1.71 INCHES AT SANTA PAULA... 1.67 INCHES AT LAKE SHERWOOD...1.65 INCHES AT LOS PRIETOS AND IN BEL AIR...1.62 INCHES AT THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN OXNARD...1.61 INCHES IN CANOGA PARK...1.53 INCHES AT CAMARILLO AIRPORT...1.51 INCHES AT CHEESEBORO...1.50 INCHES AT TEMESCAL...1.49 INCHES IN OJAI...1.40 INCHES AT BURBANK AIRPORT...1.30 INCHES AT VAN NUYS AIRPORT...1.26 INCHES AT UCLA...1.22 INCHES IN PASADENA...1.11 INCHES AT LOS ANGELES AIRPORT...1.10 INCHES AT HAWTHORNE...0.95 INCHES AT DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES...0.99 INCHES AT SANTA BARBARA AIRPORT...0.83 INCHES AT ROCKY BUTTE...0.81 INCHES AT POPPY PARK...0.65 INCHES AT SAN LUIS OBISPO AIRPORT...0.63 INCHES AT SANTA MARIA AIRPORT...0.55 INCHES AT CAMBRIA...0.52 INCHES AT MORRO BAY...0.50 INCHES AT PASO ROBLES AIRPORT...0.41 INCHES ON THE CARRIZO PLAIN...0.29 INCHES AT LANCASTER AIRPORT...AND 0.19 INCHES AT PALMDALE AIRPORT.

IN THE MOUNTAINS...SNOW TOTALS INCLUDED 14 INCHES AT WRIGHTWOOD AT 6000 FEET AND AT THE MOUNTAIN HIGH RESORT AT 7000 FEET...12 INCHES AT MOUNT PINOS AR 8800 FEET...10 INCHES AT FRAZIER PARK AT 6000 FEET...8 INCHES AT PINE MOUNTAIN CLUB AT 6500 FEET...6 INCHES AT CUDDY VALLEY AT 6000 FEET...5 INCHES AT LOCKWOOD VALLEY AT 5500 FEET...4 INCHES AT PINON PINES AT 5500 FEET...AND 2 INCHES AT LAKE OF THE WOODS AT 4500 FEET.

COOL AND DRY WEATHER RETURNED TO THE REGION ON THE 26TH AND 27TH. ON THE 28TH...A WEAK FRONTAL SYSTEM BROUGHT SOME LIGHT RAIN TO SAN LUIS OBISPO AND SANTA BARBARA COUNTIES. RAINFALL TOTALS ON THE 28TH WERE GENERALLY LESS THAN ONE QUARTER OF AN INCH. SOME EXCEPTIONS INCLUDED 1.10 INCHES AT ROCKY BUTTE...0.59 INCHES AT UPPER TORO CREEK...0.46 INCHES AT LOS TABLAS...0.31 INCHES AT CAMBRIA...0.29 INCHES AT SAN LUIS HARBOR...AND 0.27 INCHES AT POINT PIEDRAS BLANCAS.

BEHIND THE WEAK SYSTEM...A RIDGE BUILT INTO THE REGION...AND LIGHT OFFSHORE FLOW DEVELOPED. THIS BROUGHT WARMER WEATHER TO THE FORECAST AREA ON THE 29TH AND 30TH...WITH TEMPERATURES RISING INTO THE 70S IN THE VALLEYS. SOME 80 DEGREE READINGS WERE RECORDED IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY ON THE 30TH.

ON THE 31ST...AN UPPER TROUGH SWUNG INTO NORTHERN CALIFORNIA...AND ITS FRONTAL SYSTEM BROUGHT MOSTLY LIGHT RAIN AND MOUNTAIN SNOWS TO THE REGION ON THE 31ST INTO THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF THE 1ST OF APRIL. RAINFALL TOTALS WERE GENERALLY ONE QUARTER OF AN INCH OR LESS. SOME EXCEPTIONS INCLUDED 0.79 INCHES AT ROCKY BUTTE...0.58 INCHES AT FIGUEROA MOUNTAIN...0.55 INCHES AT UPPER TORO CREEK AND REFUGIO PASS...0.52 INCHES AT OPIDS CAMP...0.50 INCHES AT TANBARK...0.48 INCHES AT SAN ANTONIO DAM...GAVIOTA...AND BALD MOUNTAIN...0.44 INCHES AT LAS TABLAS AND CRYSTAL LAKE...0.43 INCHES AT BRANCH MOUNTAIN AND SAN MARCOS PASS...0.39 INCHES AT CAMP NINE...0.36 INCHES AT MORRIS DAM AND SAN GABRIEL DAM...0.35 INCHES AT NORDHOFF RIDGE...WHITE LEDGE PEAK...SANTA ANITA DAM AND SANTA BARBARA AIRPORT...0.34 INCHES AT MOUNT BALDY...0.28 INCHES AT LOMPOC AND 0.26 INCHES AT PASO ROBLES AIRPORT.

AT FRAZIER PARK...3 INCHES OF SNOW FELL AT 5000 FEET...WHILE AT MOUNT WILSON...2 INCHES OF SNOW WAS REPORTED AT 5000 FEET.

.....CLIMATE DATA FOR MARCH 2012.....

	AVG HIGH	AVG LOW	AVG MONTH	NORM MONTH	MONTH XTRMS	TOTAL PRECIP	NORM PRECIP	PRECIP % NORM
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L.A. DOWNTOWN	67.3	49.2	58.2	60.6	87/42	1.75	2.43	72%
L.A. ARPT	64.2	50.1	57.1	58.0	87/43	1.78	1.85	96%
LONG BEACH ARPT	67.7	49.4	58.5	59.5	91/41	1.40	1.87	75%
UCLA	65.5	50.0	57.8	59.3	85/42	2.27	2.84	80%
BURBANK ARPT	67.1	46.5	56.8	58.3	86/38	2.43	2.97	82%
LANCASTER ARPT	67.3	37.5	52.4	53.2	81/20	0.47	1.14	41%
SANDBERG	55.1	36.4	45.7	46.7	71/22	1.95	1.73	113%
CAMARILLO ARPT	65.5	45.0	55.3	56.2	88/35	2.35	2.65	89%
SANTA BARBARA ARPT	63.1	41.8	52.5	55.5	78/33	2.28	3.18	72%
SANTA MARIA ARPT	65.9	40.9	53.4	54.0	83/30	2.72	2.64	103%
PASO ROBLES ARPT	67.0	37.6	52.3	53.2	83/24	2.32	2.49	93%

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